

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 406

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Eugene Garza for heroism.

WHEREAS, throughout much of its history, Tennessee has been known as the Volunteer State. It has been the home of many valiant men, women, and children who have responded with great courage and strength of character in times of trouble and adversity; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is Eugene Garza, a sophomore at Oliver Springs High School, who demonstrated incredible courage as he came to the aid of his fellow students following a school bus crash; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Garza was a passenger on Bus 61 when the crash occurred. The bus failed to negotiate a turn and slid into a ditch on the afternoon of October 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garza remained calm as he opened the safety door of the bus, hailed a passing driver, and asked her to call 911; and

WHEREAS, he returned to the bus and began to evacuate the other students, after attending to a student who had suffered a broken arm; and

WHEREAS, his composure during the stressful incident earned him accolades from the community, and the Roane County Board of Education presented him with an award for his bravery and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Garza is a citizen of whom the Volunteer State is most proud, and he should be recognized for his heroic act; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Eugene Garza for his bravery and

leadership, and extend our best wishes to him for success and happiness in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.